

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were examined, with claims 1-10, 13-18, and 20 rejected, and with claims 11, 12, and 19 objected to as depending on rejected base claims.

All of claims 1-20 remain in the application, with claims 18 and 20 having been amended. The amendment to claim 18 deletes the recitation of a scanning step, as this has no antecedent basis in the corresponding independent claim 17, and is not necessary for clarifying the remaining words of claim 18. This amendment should overcome the rejection of claim 18 under 35 USC Sec. 112. The amendment to claim 20 merely corrects a typographical error.

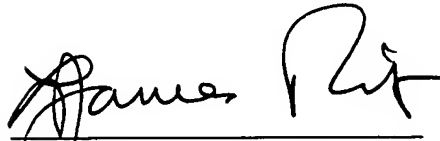
Claims 1-2, 9, 13-17 and 20 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of "obviousness-type double patenting" relative to claims in applicant's U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/826,535. Claims 3-8 and 10 were provisionally rejected under the same doctrine, in view of secondary references.

It is well settled that a rejection based on obvious-type double patenting can be overcome by the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer, or the abandonment of the co-pending application. Applicant encloses a copy of the Notice of Abandonment of U.S. App. No. 10/826,535.

Accordingly, applicant believes all objections and rejections have been overcome, and requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Examiner has any other concerns, he is encouraged to place a telephone call to applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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